

REMARKS

Claims

After entry of the subject Amendment, claims 5-37 will be pending in the subject application, with claims 5, 10, and 28 in independent form. Claims 5, 7, 9-11, and 16 have been amended as described below. Claims 6, 8, 12-15, and 17-37 remain unchanged and claims 1-5 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of these amendments.

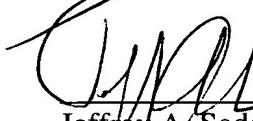
Claims 4, 9, 11-14, 16, 24, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Van Cleave (U.S. Patent No. 3,955,456). Claims 5-8, 10, 15, 17-23, 25 and 27 are allowed if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 28-37 are allowed.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of various claims dependent on claim 4. In accordance with this allowance, claims 5 and 10 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 4, and claim 4 has been cancelled. Thus, it respectfully submitted that claims 5 and 10 are now in condition for allowance. Claims 7, 9, 11, and 16 have been amended to change their dependency from claim 4 to the allowable claim 5. Claims 6-9 and 15-27, and 31-35 are now dependent on claim 5, either directly or indirectly, such that they are also in condition for allowance.

In summary, is respectfully submitted that the application, as amended, is now presented in condition for allowance. Applicant believes that no fees are due; however, if any become required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2789.

Respectfully submitted

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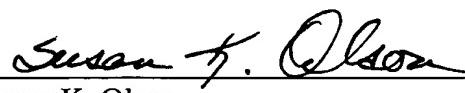
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